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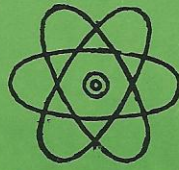
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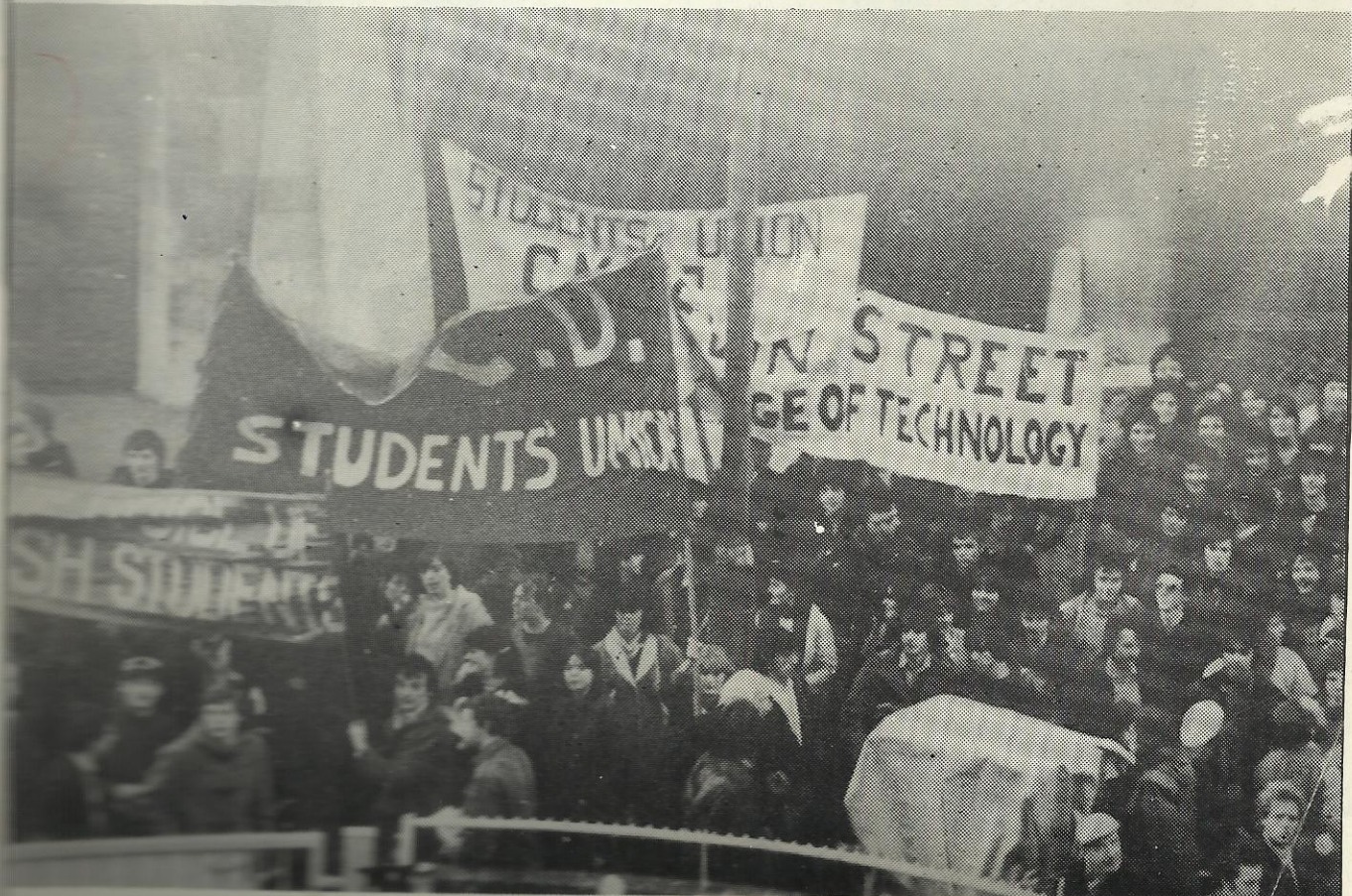
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Happy
Christmas
DECEMBER
'80
EDITION



STUDENTS UNION

COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY KEVIN STREET

INTRODUCTION

First term has come to an end at last. For nearly four hundred of the students it was their first time in a third level institute. One wonders, did the College, the Course, and the Staff, live up to their expectations. If you are a first year and you have something to say about the College, why not write an article for the January Edition of "Student News".

Christmas is coming, and the goose is ...etc., as it is the custom to give gifts at this time of the year, we in the Students Union, would like to give to you this Edition of the "Student News" as our Christmas gift. **HAPPY CHRISTMAS.**

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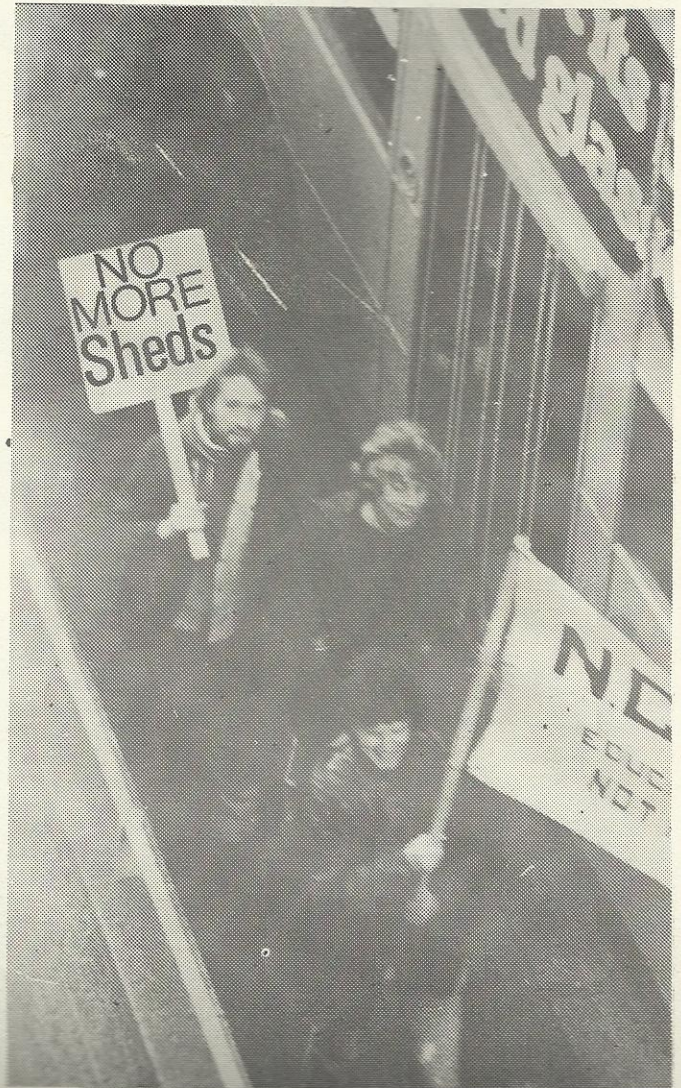
Editorial

A week of action has passed. A week in which representatives from all colleges in Ireland congregated in Dublin for a Rally to publicise the inadequacies in education. The rally consisted of a march by the students from Stephen's Green to Poolbeg St., where a number of students had occupied the Department of Education Grants Section in Apollo House.

However, no matter how loud the users of the megaphones were, there was no escaping the fact that barely a thousand students turned out for the protest. In Dublin alone, there are over twenty colleges, they have, between them, upwards of twenty thousand students. The message is not getting across to the students - Why? At a time when even the Guardians of the law (the Gardai) are hinting at mass marches to highlight their pathetic conditions, the students are becoming less demanding of their basic rights.

At the march on Friday, 28th Novr. the biggest educational establishment in the Republic, U.C.D. (or N.U.D., it will be known as shortly) did not actively support its fellow students. The reason given is that they are in negotiation with the College Authorities. The Students Union are asking the authorities to collect a fee for them from each student of £10. This is what is already in operation in our own College. It is called a capitation fee. The Students Union felt that if they took part in the Rally it would jeopardize their chances of getting an extra £10 hiked on to the fees of the students! The College Authorities in every educational institute in the land are screaming for more finance for education. Perhaps they are doing so, not as demonstratively or as loudly as some of the students but one can be assured throw them a few million pounds, and they will use it. One can

hardly think the situation is any different in U.C.D. There, they are suffering cutbacks, perhaps not so severe as Kevin St., so surely the U.C.D. Authorities supported the demands of students of Friday 28th Novr. Even if the U.C.D. mob had supported the Rally our number would still be only a fraction of the total student population in Dublin. The financial commitment to education by the Government and indeed the opposition parties in the past is a major obstacle in the road to the full development of this country. Students must realise that the only way their demands are going to be met is by mass agitation and campaigning. So come out, and get involved.



no cause for alarm!

Last Wednesday afternoon the firealarm went off in the college, as I am sure you were all aware. Or were you?

Our Class and Teacher having some degree of collective, if not intuitive intelligence, proceeded to abandon class and make for the corridors. However, much to our surprise we were the singular class inside on the corridors. I wonder why. Is it some over zealous instinct by 98% of our students and 99.5% of our Lecturers to burn at the stake -rather than suffer the peril of not finishing a lecture? This is hardly so on behalf of the teachers at any rate since they might have been forced to return to the nissen huts when the college was burnt to the ground.

Or maybe, and it seems plausible all our students are deaf, and never heard the thing. They never hear you at any rate when you ask for their support at meetings, marches, and other events, even when the President of the S.U. blasts them with loud-speakers.

Or maybe they would have enjoyed the extra heat since there was no heat in the building on the previous day, and this was the opportune moment to make up for that loss.

Or maybe since many classes had actually managed to find an empty classroom after roaming the corridors for 15 to 20 minutes, they were in no way prepared to leave them.

Or maybe they decided there were enough alarms

ringing throughout the college, what with threats of no summer exams and shortages of lecturers and technicians.

Maybe it is the continuing syndrome of student apathy so prevalent in the college that even a blazing building could not stir them from their classrooms, unless it was explained to them in a clear and logical manner that their lives were in danger and their diplomas would be of no value if they were dead, and that in all probability these precious pieces of paper were burning away in the General Office.

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DIRECTED BY / WOODY ALLEN

STARRING/ WOODY ALLEN AND
DIANE KEATON.

Alvy Singer (Woody Allen) was brought up in Brooklyn, a small skinny boy in spectacles. In his adult life he explains to a girl friend that he has been very jumpy ever since he gave up smoking. That was sixteen years ago, and now he attends analysis sessions between professional engagements as a stand-up comic.

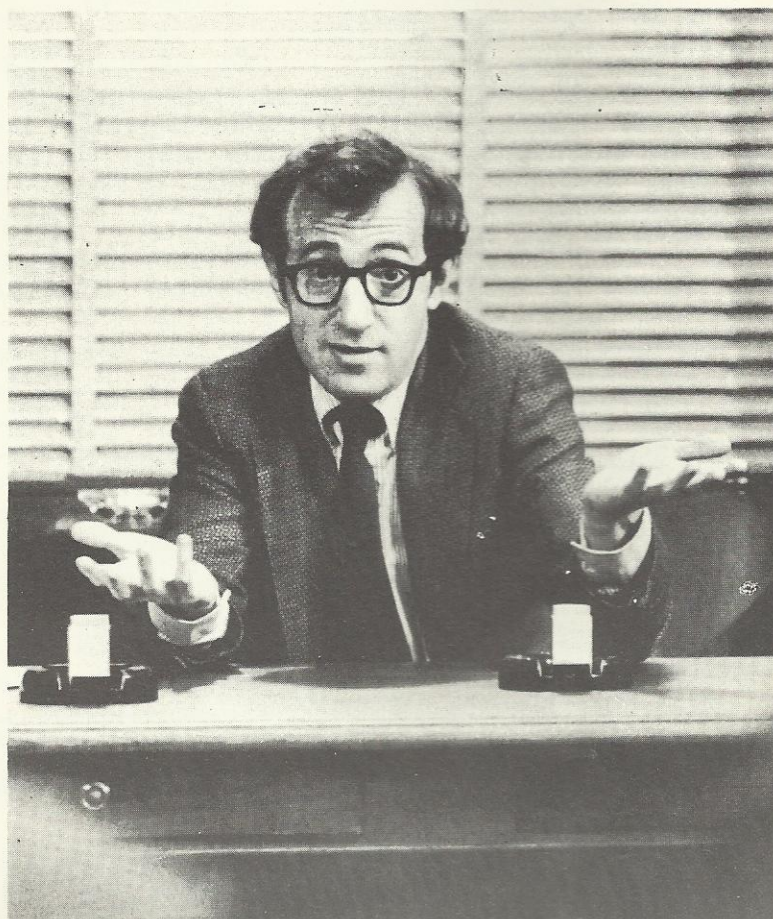
Immensely funny story of a stormy relationship told in true Woody Allen style.

Playdate: Thur.18thDecr.'80.

Please note all films will be screened at 12.30 and 5.15 on the dates shown. The venue for all shows is the Students Union.

Please confirm by checking /
Notice board.

Comedies



For your Future Entertainment

FILM TITLE:

9th Jany. '81	Freebie and the Bean.
16th " '81	The Warriors
23rd " '81	All the President's Men
30th " '81	Up In Smoke
6th Feby. '81	The Outlaw Josie Wales
13th " '81	Yanks.
20th " '81	Blazing Saddles
27th " '81	Lords of the Rings
5th Mar. '81	A Star is Born
12th " '81	Rag/Week/ Double bill
	The Owen
	Damien - Owen 2
26th Mar. '81	Alien

CAST:

James Caan, Alan Arkin.
Michael Beck, James Remar.
Robert Redford, Dustin Hoffman
Cheek and Chong
Clint Eastwood
Richard Gere Vanessa Redgrave

Animated
Barbra Streisand/Kris
Kristofferson.
Gregory Peck, Lee Remick.
William Holden, Lee Grant.

USI ~ Finance for Education Campaign

An Ordinary General Meeting was held on the 20th Novr., one of the items on the Agenda was the campaign Finance for Education. After much discussion a general agreement was reached that we should stage our own protest as part of the U.S.I. National Campaign. This was to take the form of mass application for Grants, on Monday 24th in the City Hall. It was also agreed to follow U.S.I.'s Recommendations for Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of that week.

The excursion to the City Hall on Monday was carried out in a jovial atmosphere. However, this did not turn the demonstration into a bemused spectacle. At about 11.0'clock approximately 80 people from the college converged on the City Hall, where they queued quietly for over two hours while the clerks doling out the application forms apologised for not having in stock, forms in our number one language - Irish.

The Press eventually arrived after numerous phone calls. A Press release was given to them. One could see immediately the fall away in interest and enthusiasm, when we told them that we were not intending to occupy the building but only to stage a peaceful protest. It was pointed out to them that the action was not only to highlight the ridiculous restrictive grants scheme, but also to bring to the public eye the problems which effect the students in the College, especially the threat of exams not being presented for the end of the Academic year by the staff. (See Press cuttings).

On Wednesday, and Thursday poster- ing and leafletting by the students was carried out. Two Officers of the Union spent a small part of Thursday night informing the public of the consequences due to lack of

finance in Education. They plastered posters in all the main streets this side of the Liffey, if you don't believe us you can ask the Kerry Seargeant from Kevin St., or Harcourt St. Station. (We did not have time to find exactly where he was stationed).

On Friday a National Rally was held in Dublin. In order to satisfy the Press (not really) a token occupation was carried out. It was staged in Apollo House (Department of Education) Grants section. About a hundred students unexpectedly arrived on the premises at 2.p.m. . They then informed the typists and clerks what they were at. The occupiers displayed posters highlighting the lack of financial committment in education in the windows of the building. At about 3.p.m. the marchers who had congregated at the Main Gate of Stephen's Green swung round the corner of Poolbeg St. to be greeted by the sight of the occupiers. The meeting was addressed, amid great cheers, by Gerry Grainger - U.S.I. President. Brendan Doris, representing the Technological Sector -U.S.I., Mary Murphy, Chairman of the Teacher Educational Sector. Then the representative of the Occupiers, Padraig Mannion, Education Officer - U.S.I., vacated the building to address the meeting.

Spirits were so high that when the Rally ended, a number of colleges, including Kevin St., marched to Dail Eireann and more speeches were heard. The Rally then dispersed.

The Press coverage the following day did not match the feelings of the students about their conditions. Overcrowded Colleges, exorbitant fees, small canteens, threat of no exams are still with us. The Government will, no doubt, find the money for education when it comes up to election time. A revolutionary tactic, which calls on all

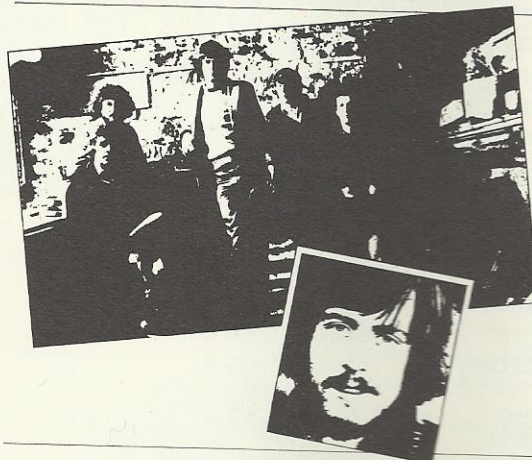
students to register, immediately in the constituency of their college, has been adopted by U.S.I., as a weapon to wield against the political parties. This will have a massive effect on the thinking of the politicians with regard to educational policy. However, one can only register in the area where one is living not where one attends college. Thus, as most of us live outside the constituency of the college - this strategy is somewhat suspect. In the rural areas such as Galway city, the student's votes can have the desired effect.

Accepting this drawback every student should register, to exercise his/her rights at the ballot box. There are over twenty thousand students in Dublin alone, if their lobbying does not have an effect on the educational thinking of the political parties - what will?

— Kevin St. Fnts —

PRESENTS

STOCKTON'S WING BARRY MOORE



College of Technology - Kevin St
GLEESON HALL
Tuesday 16th Dec at 8pm

TICKETS £2 (in advance) £2.50 at door (if available)

FROM Students Unions in Kevin St, Bolton St, Rathmines, TCD, UCD & Murrays Record Shops, Grafton Court and Mary St. Fonodisc, Duke St.

news in brief

The Technicians dispute, as outlined in the November / Edition of the "Student News" has not progressed any further.

J.S.U.C. is presenting a report on Student Services to the Dept. of Education with particular emphasis on other educational institutes. The problem facing J.S.U.C. is inadequate finance. There is £21000 - available for setting up of S.S.O. This is adequate for just six months (if one intends to employ full-time officers). One must realise that the £21000 was collected from your capitation fee and not donated by the Dept. of Education. There is the possibility / when

S.S.O. runs out of money in six months time that the V.E.C. will stand firm and say if you want more finance then we will increase capitation fee. Some of the Student Union / Presidents feel that before S.S.O. is actually enacted upon a firm commitment from the V.E.C. to financing the organisation must be guaranteed. Others think that once the ball is rolling, the money will come automatically from somewhere. Where?

There is a D.I.T. Fun Run in the Phoenix Park on December, 13th. Further details on ad.

Rag/Week has been scheduled for the second week in March (9th to 13th).

Ideas, jokes, articles, anything that you think will add to Rag/Week should be submitted to the Students Union, as soon as possible.

The D.C.A.S.A. have not at the time of writing rescinded their decision to not submit draft examination papers. There are in the air, hints of a more militant approach to get their demands met.

A student recently had his bicycle lock cut by Maintenance Staff because its' situation prevented access to the passage at the back of the College to the Fuel Suppliers.

Please note that it is inadvisable to park bikes in awkward positions around the College Grounds.

young fine gael

Y.F.G. held its first meeting of the year on Thursday 27th. Novr. It was a grand occasion on two counts, one being that Dr. Garret Fitzgerald addressed the meeting, the other that Room 208 was full with Students. (A remarkable event in this College).

Dr. Fitzgerald gave an account of the role of Y.F.G., no better man since he himself founded the organisation. He stated, as change came slowly in our political system, young people could make a decisive impetus in bringing necessary changes more quickly. He affirmed that Fine Gael recognised the need for a youth party. When one realised the percentage of people under twenty-five years, eligible to vote in the next general election. Finally he agreed that although many young people were cynical and disillusioned with our politicians, nonetheless their decisions affected us all, and it was up to us to influence their decisions according to our objectives, and policies. This was achieved to a measurable extent in the framework of a political party such as Y.F.G.,

Afterwards he answered a wide variety of questions ranging from the Magill allegations and H-Block to itinerants on O'Connell/Bridge and the desirability of nuclear power - to mention a few.

It is hoped that Mr. Eddie Collins, T.D., Fine Gael spokesman on Education, and Councillor Mary Flaherty - a member of the V.E.C., and College Council, will address a meeting on Education in the College in the near future.

All Y.F.G. branches in third level institutions are organising themselves for a conference on Education. This will be held at the end of February in Limerick. The Kevin St. branch should have a lot to say at this conference, as we are all aware of the many problems in this college.

The Kevin St. branch needs new members, especially active ones with a desire to do something. The of "laissez-faire" members are also most welcome. Come along to our meetings they are worth attending if only they make you realise that there is a demanding world outside of College life.

Kieran Sluads,
Secretary

SPORTS

A.I.B. COLLEGES CUP COMPETITION:

In the preliminary stages of the, all - Ireland Inter College competition we were drawn into a section which included R.T.C., Carlow, Limerick Tech. Institute, College of Marketing & Design.

Our first outing against previous winners R.T.C. Carlow, proved to be a very one sided affair with Kevin St. winning by seven goals to one. Outstanding on the day was Leo Hughes in goal, Brendan Coyne, Joe Behan, and John Bolton. This was a very strong team. The players seemed to play well together. For Carlow it was their heaviest defeat ever. One should consider that on five previous meetings between these teams there was never more than a one goal difference at the end. Hopefully when we play them in Carlow next term, we can continue on our scoring ways.

On Wednesday we went to Limerick to play the Limerick Technical College. In the first five minutes of the second half - Limerick pulled back a 3 -1 deficit to 3-3. We went ahead with ten minutes remaining only to see the opposition equalise in the dying seconds of the game. However, the fighting spirit in the Kevin St. team was not to be denied victory which

Came with the last
kick of the Fall.

Outstanding on the day
were Brendan Coyne,
Anthony Farren, and
the goal/keeper Mark
Condron.

As a result of the fine
performances, six play-
ers have now been nom-
inated for a trial for
the National Repres-
entatives Team. These
are Mark Condron,
Jimmy Bolger, Colm
Lawless, Brendan Coyne,
Anthony Farren, and
John Bolton.

Hopefully in the New
Year, we will continue
on our winning ways,
and reach the finals
in Letterkenny next
April.

If you feel you could
strengthen the team
please contact me.

Seamus Byrne.

D.I.T. GAELIC FOOT/ BALL & HURLING:

Since the last public-
ation we have had a
good victory over U.
C.D. Vets. at Belfield.
This team seems to be
shaping up well at the
moment and with a
little bit of enthus-
iasm, could do well
in the Higher Educat-
ion Championships
next term. The out-
standing college
players at the moment
are Fergus Quill, and
Donal Moyna.

With great depth in
numbers and talent,
the college hurlers
seem destined to win
some trophy this
season. On two occas-
ions this year they
have massed in Tere-
nure for a Blitz
against the other D.I.T.

Colleges only to
find the opposition
completely depleted.
Full marks to Dave
Kennedy for his
efforts to stimulate
his players.

SCRUBBERS FOOTBALL:

SEE - seem to be
unstoppable in this
league. They win most
games by six and seven
goals. Hopefully in
the New Year some other
groups will form teams
and mount a challenge.
The last series of
games before the hol-
idays, will take
place on Saturday, 6th
in Terenure. Teams
which took part in the
competition were /
SEE, WEET, SESB, WSAD
and WRTT.

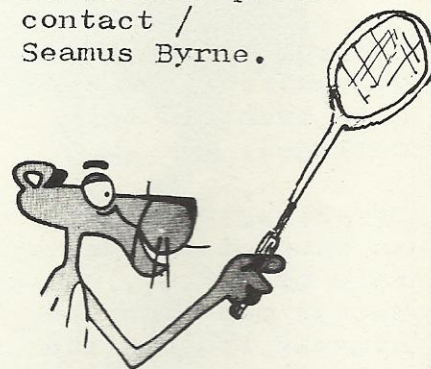
FRESHERS GALA:

To allow the young
people in the College
to display their
talents we are having
a Fresher's Gala in
the swimming pool on
Monday, 15th Dec. 5-7p.m.
This will be a light
hearted affair with
numerous prizes for
Novelty Races. The
highlight should be
the Cyril Hardy /
Challenge Race. In
this race Cyril will
challenge all-comers
to a 100 mts. Breast
Stroke Race. Jack
Donnelly and Aidan
Byrne will be avail-
able to resuscitate him
if necessary.

D.I.T. HALF / MARATHON :

This is a challenge
to staff and students
to complete a 13 mile
run in the Phoenix-
Park on Saturday, 13th

at 10.30.a.m. It will
be a Fun/Run. Prizes
will be awarded on
the basis of a draw
rather than final
position. Anybody who
completes one of the
6½ mile circuits will
be eligible for the
draw. Changing /
Accommodation will be
in the Pavilions at
the 15 Acres. If
interested please
contact /
Seamus Byrne.



BADMINTON:

Results from the 2nd
Round of the American
COMPETITION:

C. Eliot & C. Percival
V A. Quinn & P. Meehon.
B. Houlihan & F. Dennehy
V G. McCarthy & Khoo.
D. McKeown & S. Murphy
V D. Troy & P. Green.

The winners will be
announced in the next
edition of the "Student
News".

This was a Knock-Out
competition, the 1st
round winners played
2nd round on Thursday,
4th - coming up soon
there will be matches
against Loctite from
Tallaght and Limerick
Regional Tech.

This year there has
been a marked improve-
ment in the level of
play, undoubtedly there
will be a fair few
successes. (This is not
just wishful thinking).

For those who have not yet paid their subscription fee, a modest £4 will be required from them.

It has been decided to set aside Friday nights for beginners, and the less experienced, and Thursdays for the more competent - the gym. is also available on Saturday mornings. Everyone will receive expert coaching from Nigel, - that's right he's our coach- by the end of the year everyone will have attained a good level of proficiency.

Frank Scanlon

RUGBY CLUB:

Kevin St. Rugby/Club is one of the newer clubs in the college, and as such it is proving difficult to get off the ground. The main competition is the Gleeson Cup, which has never been won by this college, but this year we hope to rectify this situation. There are still vacancies on the college team and any player interested should contact - Gerry Purcell WRT. 111 or Denis Kettle WEET.11.

AEROTECH - THE HANG GLIDING CLUB:

The hang gliding club has just got a sting in its tailplane due to the purchase of a super scorpion advanced hang glider. This will mean even more idiots braving the elements in the Wicklow mountains each week-end.

The Harrier is now flyable again but one wonders for how long when the new recruits get their hands on it in their efforts to get airborne..

Rumours that the club has bought shares in an aluminium tubing manufacturing company are untrue- though any donations of aviation grade aluminium will be gratefully accepted.

New members are urged to step forward and be counted at one of the club meetings if they want to go on a training course first thing after Christmas.

SAILING CLUB:

Many of you eager and energetic sailors are probably wondering if the sailing club will ever get afloat again, ~~true~~ week-end sailing has been cancelled for the last month as the fleet have been in for a motor refit. The Drascombe Dabber (our "Deep Sea" boat) is awaiting spare parts, which should arrive during the Christmas holidays, and then she will be moored in the coal harbour - DunLaoghaire, to the delight of many of our "experienced" members.

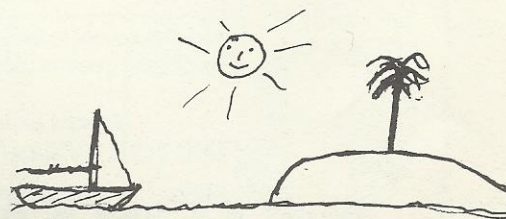
Last month we said farewell to the club's first boat ever, the "Enterprise", no longer shall her old shakey mast (which has served us well), fly the house flag of the Kevin Street line, we have made a direct swap for a "Firefly Dinghy", this suits us better as the Firefly can

be raced in Dun / Laoghaire and against other colleges. Anybody interested in racing should contact any committee member.

With the help of Mr. Jack Donnelly the swimming instructor, we have organised - "Survival" and "Life Saving" classes for the sailing club between 8 -9.30.p.m. on Monday nights. Last week, we did a test on our Life - Jackets, which came up with some astonishing results. The course is a great success and great fun. Members interested, please report at the swimming pool any Monday night.

A Christmas social is to be organised please watch notice board for details, persons interested in sailing during the Christmas holidays should notify the committee.

Finally I would like to thank those who have been involved in maintenance over the last few week-ends, and especially Aidan Coffey, who gave us the use of his garage and kept us in "Refresments".



THE OPPORTUNITIES ARE UNLIMITED .

BICYCLE SHED

The bicycle shed continues to be a problem. Each day machines have been stolen without any hope of recovery.

The Security system in the college is suspect in many areas. About three weeks into the term, the Students Union store/room was raided and a quantity of cash stolen. Various people throughout the college have had rings, watches, handbags, and even their lecture notes stolen. So it is not just a campaign being waged on the bicycles alone.

If one tries to prevent theft in one area then perhaps this will deter theft in other areas. One should start with the bicycle shed since it evidently effects most people. What are the possible solutions?

Locking of the shed at certain times each day? This was re-

jected by the Annual General Meeting, as it is impractical. Furthermore the theft of machines is not only confined to the shed but the whole car park area. With this in mind it seems logical to concentrate on the points of entry.

There are three gates open each day for access to the college. Two of which are at the front of the college, and the other at the rear of the college. If one was to have these gates manned while the college is open then perhaps the amount of robberies will lessen. But believe it or not, these gates are manned especially in the morning, mainly to ensure that only staff driving cars enter the car park. One can immediately understand that the

stationing of a man at each gate for a long period is undesirable, and not very good for the said person's health.

Thus if the college Authorities were to have constructed small huts at the front and back of the college to enable one to monitor those who come and go without being effected by the changeable weather, then perhaps the prevention of bicycle thefts may be on the way.

There is a questionnaire available in the Union for those who have had their machines stolen (or part thereof). The questionnaire also contains a space for suggestions to the solution of the problems (your ideas) so why not fill one in and return it to the S.U. office.

Sweat Shirts - IRISH Please?

This year the Student Union decided to get Kevin St. sweat/shirts, as many people have asked for them, and many other colleges have them. As there is a current Buy/ "Irish Campaign" on, we decided to be patriotic and get Irish made sweat shirts.

This did not prove to be as easy as it sounds, we could get English, Portuguese, Spanish, Korean, and American sweat shirts, but no

Irish. When we asked for Irish made goods, most of the printers seemed "stuned" by the query.

Now, we are in the process of getting quotations from various Irish manufactures, we wonder whether we will get the same quality, and price range from our local Industry against foreign goods, which have come half way round the world.

It seems hypocritical of the Government to plead

with us to "Buy/ Irish" when in many cases there are no Irish goods to buy.



£2

£2

STOCKTON'S WING BARRY MOORE

— *Kevin St. Fnts* —

GLEESON HALL
Tuesday 16th Dec at 8pm

Operation Discount '80

CIGARETTES, ALL BRANDS

*4p off 20's

Cafe Creme, and All other Cigars

*5p off Small Packets

*10p off Large Packets of Cigars

Cadburys Large Bars *7p off

OPERATION DISCOUNT '80

Can you afford to throw away £1.00. Every time you buy an LP
That's what you do when you **DON'T** buy from us.

Top Chart Singles 20p off
Top Chart LP's & Tapes 75p to £1.00 off
BASF C 60 Cassettes 20p off
BASF C 90 Cassettes 30p off
Digital watch batteries only £1.50 each

You don't have to be top of your class in Maths. to calculate that if you had bought
all your present record collection from us you would have £10 in your pocket
for every 10 of your LP's.

So start saving **NOW** and join OPERATION DISCOUNT '80 at

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In Appreciation

When Sean O'Donoghue died tragically on 3rd Novr., the college lost a loyal and devoted friend. He graduated from U.C.D. in Organic Chemistry, and had lectured here in that subject for the last few years.

He died suddenly and at a young age (42). He was out in his local park, playing with his children and jogging, when he had a massive heart attack, and died. The first thing his wife knew was when two guards called to the house. He had no signs of ill-health, and was a member of the Amblers Assoc. and had cycled into the college.

He enjoyed being a family man, and was a lay deacon in his local church.

He is survived by his wife and five children (eldest 9 years old) and to them and the rest of his family, we offer our sympathy, and hope they can survive his tragic death.

Sean O'Donoghue deserves to be long remembered in the college he served so well.

Computer Cock-Up

About a year ago the College Authorities purchased a computer from I.C.L. It is at present situated in Room 33 with the inputs in Room 34 on the ground floor. A number of problems were immediately encountered. The I.C.L. experts were not quite sure whether or not the machine would function in a normal room atmosphere. The College, therefore, not wishing to take chances decided to install a ventilation /air conditioning system. Contractors were promptly contracted and the computer was left idle for over six months.

The rooms in which the computer is housed also accommodated the old computer, thus the students were without computer facilities for over six months. The College had the distinction of being the only institution in the world running a computer course - (WMT) without the use of a computer.

Access to the computer is posing a problem. The College Authorities wish to use the computer for Administration purposes thus the relevant manuals for programming the computer are being withheld from the lecturing staff. The Principal has indicated that a technician will be employed to manage the computer. This solution to the Management problem was acceptable to the

staff, however, no technician has, as yet, been employed. The question of the level of access required by the teaching staff is being investigated by the Chief Executive Officer (C.E.O.) of V.E.C. to try to solve the problem.

The reason for limited access to the teaching staff is that the College Authorities feel that the confidential information the Administration personnel would store in the computer will become available to the students who will be using the computer. The information fed into the computer is stored on removable magnetic discs. Separate magnetic discs could be used by the administration / staff and stored in the General office, out of reach of the students, thus effectively - preventing access to confidential material.

It would then be possible to give full access in other words, all of the manuals to the teaching/staff. If this were done, the problem of management would have to be solved. The fact is, it is essential that a technician be employed just simply to ensure the smooth functioning of the installation at all times. A new dept. could be created or perhaps the Maths Department could be placed in charge.

It is essential no

COMPUTER CONT'D.
matter what or what
is placed in charge
of the computer
that the students
are not further
inconvenienced.

Hopefully the next
time the College
Authorities purchase
any innovations
that they will
beforehand have
solved any problems,
which might arise.
A little foresight
on their behalf is
needed.



AN OCCUPIER'S VIEW OF THE MARCH FROM APOLLO HOUSE ON FRIDAY 28th NOV:80

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STOCKTON'S WING PRESENT AND PAST.

I think the time is right to give some explanation of the cancellation of the Stockton's Wing concert, scheduled for Novr., 5th last.

There are basically three parties involved in putting on a concert in the Gleeson Hall. They are the Students Union, the Artist's Management, and last, but unfortunately not least, the College Authorities.

Having received verbal confirmation from the relevant authority that the hall had been allocated to the Entertainment's Committee of the Students Union, on the 5th Novr. for the concert we went ahead with preparations for the concert.

"Verbal confirmation" entails writing the date in the Gleeson Hall engagement's book, which is handled for the Principal. We were informed that this had been done. However, no one realised at the time was that the hall should have been allocated for D. I.T. meeting on the 5th Novr., somebody had forgotten to write this fact down in the Time-Table book, with the result that the hall seemed to be free for that night when our application (in writing) for the use of the hall was received. The error was discovered but we were not informed until the day before the gig was due to take place.

The Principal indicated that he realised that the

"Cock-up" was caused by inefficiency on his behalf. However, even in realising this he would not cancel his D.I.T. meeting. He gave us the option of cancelling the gig or delaying it until after the D.I.T. meeting was over. The D.I.T. meeting was due to start at 7.30.p.m. The Stockton's Wing concert was due to begin at 8.p.m. People had bought tickets for a concert beginning at 8.p.m. They did not pay money to stand in the cold until at least 9.p.m. At 9.p.m. the hall would have to be emptied, and then filled again. Anybody who was at the "Scullion Freddie White" gig will know that it took at least half an hour to fill the hall. The concert could not go ahead under those conditions.

Given that we only learned of the situation with one day to spare, we felt that it was not possible to advertise that the gig would be starting late - how late we did not know.

We were left with no option but to cancel the gig.

Expenses incurred before the gig in advertising, etc., were £246. The Principal officially refused to pay this sum. The matter was brought before College Council by the President of the Student Union, and the Chairman asked that a report be submitted. He did not specify who should submit the report. We submitted a report, and as we feel that this is very much the fault of the Authorities, we expected the Principal to submit a report also. He has not done so. Our report has been noted.

We were not bound by contract to compensate Stockton's Wing for the simple reason that the contract had not been signed. However, we were obliged by good-will to offer them another date. We explained this

miss it .

to the Principal in the aftermath of the event, and he being somewhat "over a barrel" (I didn't say that!) managed to find us one free night in the Gleeson Hall. That date is the 16th of December. A date incidentally, which we were told we could not have for a Planxty gig, because the hall was already booked. (Shortly afterwards, we learnt that the Planxty Tour was cancelled, and the band were going to the green fields of France, where the franc is pretty strong!).

So at last we have Stockton's Wing, the hit of all the Summer Festivals, in the Gleeson Hall, and to further add to the attraction of the gig, we have booked Barry Moore to play as well. Don't

The visit of Louis Stewart on the 28th November, was also unfortunately postponed due to the fact that again the hall was booked for a whole week with a play.

Negotiations, however, are under way to book Mr. Stewart Mr. Christy Moore, and his band, and Mr. Paul (not so folky 'anymore!) Brady for the New Year.

Take note of Friday, Decr. 19th. That's when the Christmas dance takes place in the Union. Dublin rock band "Borrowed Time" will be providing all the "Boppy" music you want. There will be a disco too and, of course this is a wet gig.

Be There !



QUEUING IN THE CITY HALL FOR GRANT APPLICATION FORMS (AS GAELIGE)

NEWS

What Happens

Students protest on grants

Students from a Dublin college today staged a demonstration at the offices of Dublin Corporation, where they sought forms for "a protest application" for higher education grants.

Mr. Kevin McCartan, President of the Students' Union, College of Technology, Kevin St., said their action was to highlight not only the pathetically restrictive scholarship and grants schemes but to bring to public attention the threat to their end of year's exams.

Staff in the Dublin VEC colleges had formed their own

union following a new agreement which, he claimed, had altered the conditions of service of staff. The new union was threatening not to submit exam papers for the end of session exams.

Students begin protests

By JOHN WALSHE
Our Education Correspondent

A PROTEST at Dublin Corporation's offices yesterday marked the start of a week of student protests which comes to

a head on Friday with college authorities and a mass march through Dublin.

Yesterday's protest was by students from the Kevin Street College of Technology who sought a number of application forms at the higher education grants offices. A spokesman for the students unions said many would not be eligible for grants, but they wanted to show up how restrictive the present grants system was.

Trinity College students union will hold a Contraceptive Day when condoms would be sold openly in the Arts Block to all-comers, in defiance of the new law.

Union of Students in Ireland President, Gerry Grainger, also said students would go public during the week with distribution of leaflets, street, theatre and rallies.

Students protest march



WHILE hundreds of students (pictured above) marched through Dublin's city centre streets yesterday in protest against the "totally underfinanced" educational system, 40 of their colleagues, representing most of Dublin's colleges, occupied the Department of Education offices in Poolbeg Street

Yesterday's protests marked

the end of a week of action organised by the Union of Students in Ireland to highlight their grievances.

Civil servants looked on in amazement as the students took over their offices on the third floor of Hawkins House in Poolbeg Street.

The windows of the offices were covered by posters announcing the reasons for the occupation.

As the main body of

students converged on the building, they were blocked by Gardai. Then the president of the USI, Mr. Gerry Grainger, delivered a speech to the excited crowd, hitting out at the education system that made third level education the preserve of the rich.

He called for a "freeze on fees" pending their total abolition and the introduction of a comprehensive grants scheme for all.

The USI was also seeking an end to "overcrowding, shortages, lack of facilities, inadequate finance and a disastrous lack of planning," all of which are contributing to "an ever-worsening situation."

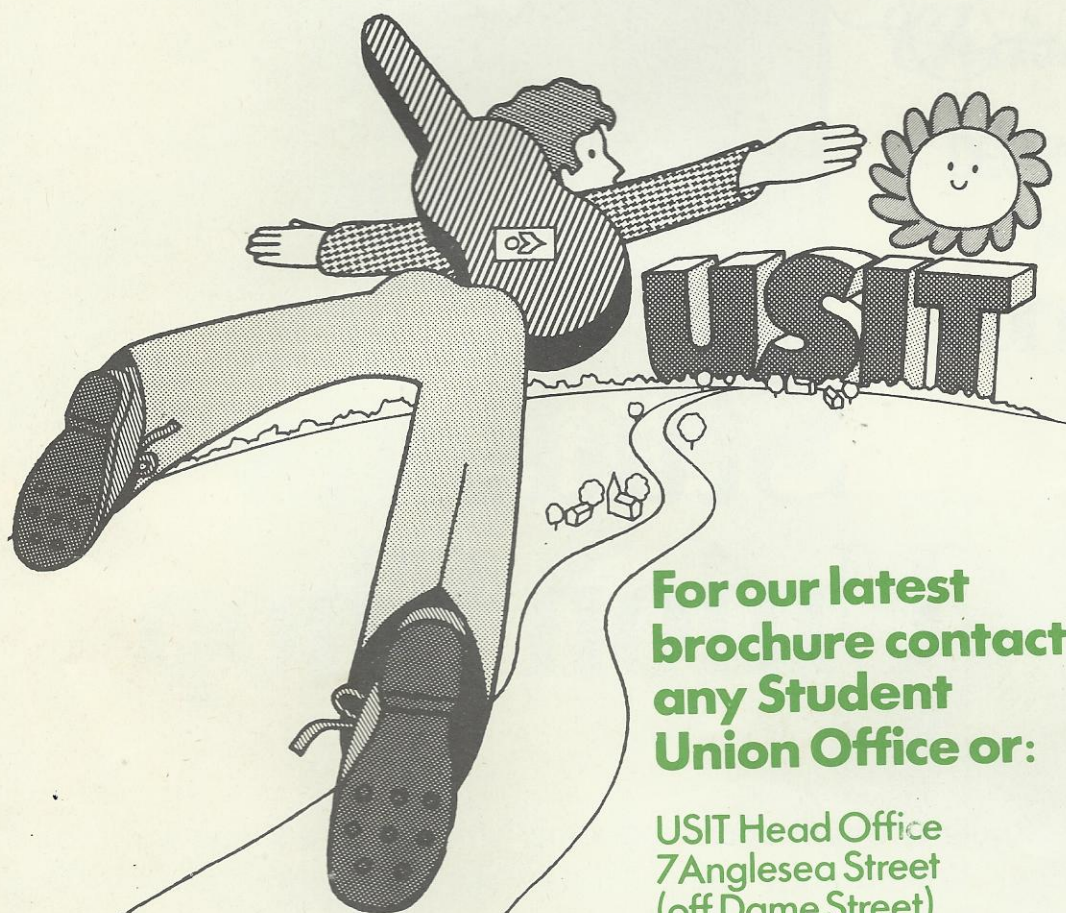
● Students in T.C.D. staged a "work-in" in the library last night to protest against the new 5 p.m. closing time on Fridays instead of the previous 10 p.m. closing.



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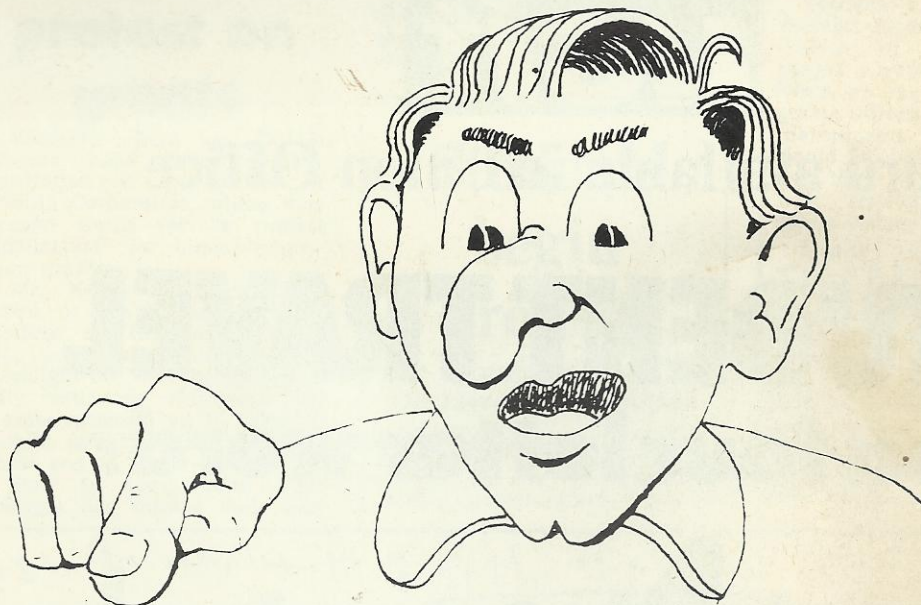
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